APPENDIX

Rev. Stat. §§ 481, 483 (35 U. S. C. § 6) provides:

> *Duties of Commissioner.* The Commissioner of Patents * * * may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, from time to time establish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the conduct of proceedings in the Patent Office.

Rev. Stat. § 4904 (35 U. S. C. § 52), prior to its amendment by the Act of August 5, 1939, provided:

> *Interferences; determination of priority; issue of patent.* Whenever an application is made for a patent which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would interfere with any pending application, or with any unexpired patent, he shall give notice thereof to the applicants, or applicant and patentee, as the case may be, and shall direct the primary examiner to proceed to determine the question of priority of invention. And the Commissioner may issue a patent to the party who is adjudged the prior inventor, unless the adverse party appeals from the decision of the primary examiner, or of the board of examiners-in-chief, as the case may be, within such time, not less than twenty days, as the Commissioner shall prescribe.

As amended by the Act of August 5, 1939, c. 451, §§ 1 and 5, 53 Stat. 1212, which does not affect then pending interferences, Rev. Stat. § 4904 provides:

> *Interferences; determination of priority; issue of patent.* Whenever an application is made for a patent which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would interfere with any pending application, or with any unexpired patent, he shall give notice thereof to the applicants, or applicant and patentee, as the case may be, and shall direct a board of three examiners of interferences to proceed to determine the question of priority of invention. And the Commissioner may issue a patent to the party who is adjudged the prior inventor.

Rev. Stat. § 4916 (35 U. S. C. § 64) provides:

> *Reissue of defective patents; patents for separate parts.* Whenever any patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of a defective or insufficient specification, or by reason of the patentee claiming as his own invention or discovery more than he had a right to claim as new, if the error has arisen by inadvertence, accident, or mistake, and without any fraudulent or deceptive intention, the commissioner shall, on the surrender of such patent and the payment of the duty required by law, cause a patent for the same invention, and in accordance with the corrected specification, to be reissued to the patentee or to his assigns or legal representatives, for the unexpired part of the term of the original patent. * * *

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